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In re application of:
Xuehai Ye *et al.*
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For: Gene Transfer Into Renal Glomerular Cells

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Primary Examiner Dave Nguyen

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Sir:

This paper is applicants' response to a final Office Action mailed 04/09/2003. The response is constituted of a submission and discussion of references that support applicants' argument that their invention would be recognized by those of average skills in the art as having substantial and credible utility, an approach suggested by Primary Examiner Dave Nguyen and Examiner J. Eric Angell during an extremely helpful and courteous interview on 07/31/2003 with Applicant Ye and the undersigned.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicants withdraw claim 17 as being drawn to a non-elected invention. This claim may be expanded into a divisional, composition patent application.

In claim 1, as amended 01/22/2003, please make the following corrections: in line 5, delete " ("SMA")" as being unnecessary; in line 10, please correct a typographical error by changing "or", second instance, to -of-.